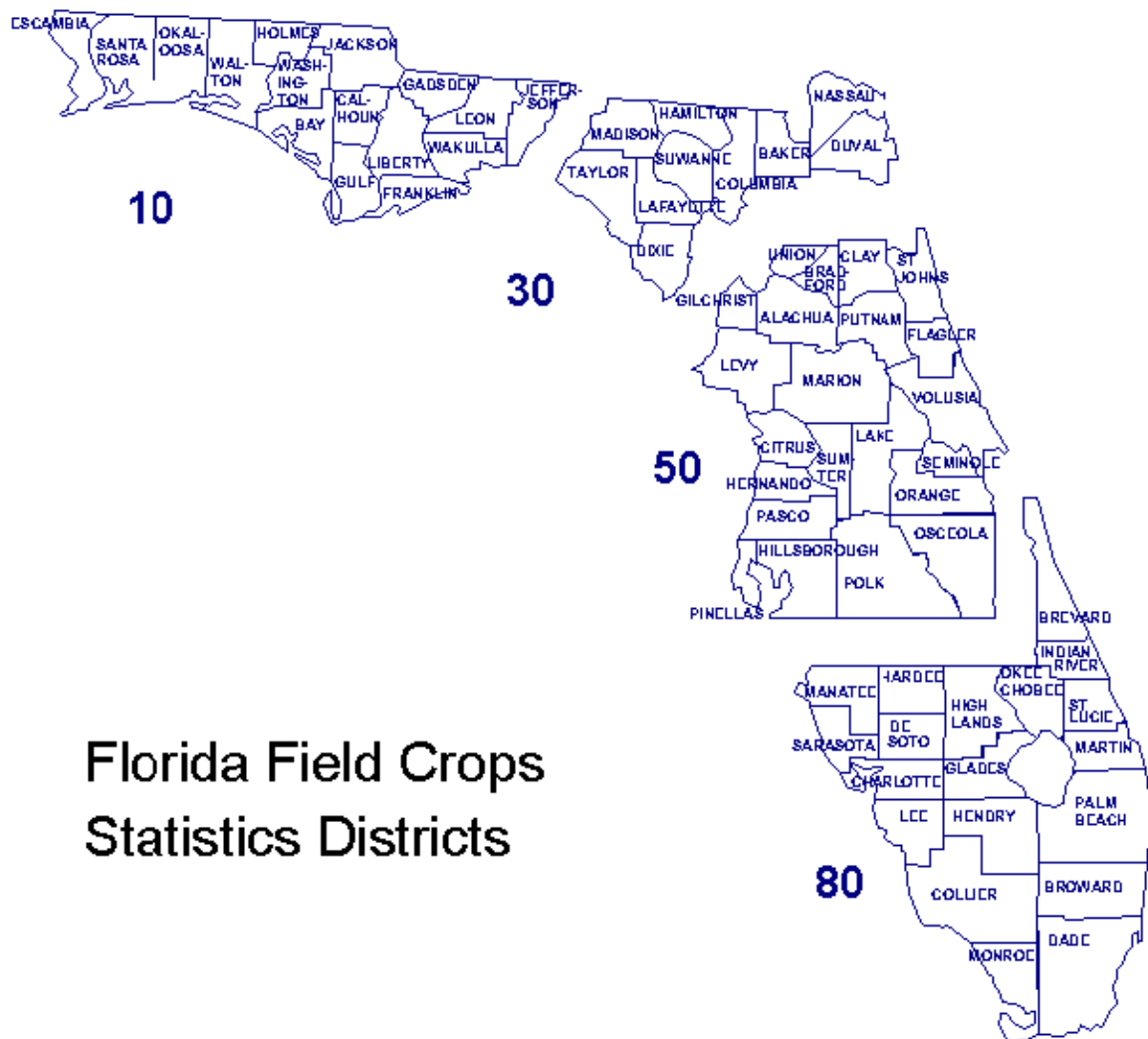


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SUMMARY OF THE 1999 FIELD CROPS SEASON

INTRODUCTION

This annual publication contains statewide estimates of acreage, yield, production, and value of production for major field crops grown in Florida. The period covered for these crops is from 1989 through 1999.

Data are published for the major counties producing corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, sugarcane, and tobacco for 1998 and 1999. District totals are published for wheat. Potato county estimates are published for the years 1994 through 1999.

SUMMARY

During the 1999 winter season there was only one major freeze, on January 6, 1999. Freezing temperatures occurred in the Immokalee area that morning. Because this occurred early in the year, very little damage was done to field crops.

During the 1999 hurricane season only one hurricane hit the State of Florida. Hurricane Irene crossed south Florida on October 15, 1999. The Hurricane did the most damage in Palm Beach County as it left the State. Rainfall in the county was reported from 6 inches to more than 17 inches. One sugarcane mill suffered significant damage from the storm. The mill was able to repair the damage and process cane when the fields dried out.

On September 14-15, 1999 Hurricane Floyd approached Florida but stayed out in the Atlantic ocean. Rain bands dropped 2-3 inches of water in the Hastings area but caused very little damage.

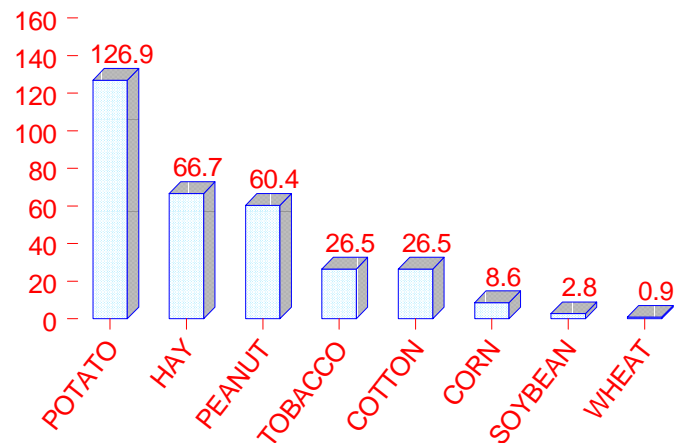
On September 21, 1999, Tropical Storm Harvey went across south Florida causing very little damage to crops in the area.

Topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate in the Panhandle during January through March. During the same period the Peninsula moisture was mostly very short to short. From April through early June topsoil moisture throughout the State was mostly very short to short; from mid-June through September moisture was mostly short to adequate; from October through mid-November the topsoil moisture was adequate to surplus; and after mid-November topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate.

Corn planting and tobacco transplanting started in early March and were virtually complete by the end of April. Growers started peanut planting in early April and were finished by mid-June. Cotton planting started in late April and was complete by late June. Tobacco harvest started in June and was completed in late August. Peanut harvest started in late August and was virtually complete by mid-November. Cotton harvest started in late September and was virtually complete by late December. Sugarcane harvest started in mid-October and was complete by mid-April 2000.

VALUES OF SELECTED FLORIDA CROPS, 1999

(Millions of Dollars)



CORN: Acreage planted for all purposes, at 90,000 acres, was 44 percent less than 1998. Acreage harvested for grain, at 40,000 acres, was down 27 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 93 bushels per acre was up 31 bushels from last year. The production of corn for grain was 3.7 million bushels, up 9 percent from 1998. The average price of \$2.30 per bushel was the same as a year earlier. The value of production was \$8,556,000, up 9 percent from the 1998 value of production.

COTTON: Cotton planted acreage was 107,000 acres, a 20 percent increase over the previous year. Harvested acreage of 106,000 acres was up 33 percent from last year. The average yield of 516 pounds per acre was up 27 pounds from 1998. Production, at 114,000 bales, was up 40 percent from last year. The average price was 42.5 cents per pound.

HAY: A total of 754,000 tons of hay was cut from 260,000 acres during 1999, up 31 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 2.9 tons per acre was up 0.4 tons from a year earlier. The average price per ton at \$88.50 was \$25.50 less than last year.

PEANUTS: The 102,000 acres planted amounted to a 4 percent increase from 1998. Of the total planted acres, 94,000 acres were harvested for dry nuts. The remaining acreage was either harvested as green nuts, cut for hay, used as pasture, or abandoned. The average yield of 2,770 pounds per acres was up 180 pounds from a year earlier. Total production, at 260,380,000 pounds, was up 12 percent from 1998. The average price, at 23.2 cents per pound, was down 6.6 cents from the year before. The value of production, at \$60,408,000, was 13 percent less than 1998.

PECANS: Utilized production from the 1999 pecan crop was 3.7 million pounds. Of the total utilized production, 1.1 million pounds were improved varieties and 2.6 million pounds were native or seedling. The average price for all pecans was 72.4 cents.

POTATOES: The area planted to all potatoes, including both winter and spring crops, was 38,400 acres, down 13 percent from last year. Harvested acreage at 37,300 acres, was down 12 percent from 1998. The average yield for the total crop was 286 cwt per acre, up 79 cwt from a year earlier. Total potato production in 1999 totaled 10.7 million cwt, an increase of 21 percent over the previous year. The average price of \$11.88 was \$2.82 less than previous year.

Planted acreage of winter potatoes totaled 9,600 acres. Harvested acreage was 9,300 acres with a yield of 200 cwt. Production, at 1.9 million cwt, was up 29 percent from 1998. Red-skinned varieties are the dominant type grown for winter harvest in south Florida. Most of the winter crop is sold for table stock.

Spring potatoes in the Hastings area, which includes Flagler, Putnam, and St. John's counties, totaled 21,500 acres planted in 1999. Of the total planted, 21,000 acres were harvested. The crop yield was 330 cwt per acre with a production of 6.9 million cwt. White-skinned varieties dominate the production in the Hastings area, with the largest percentage of potatoes going to the processing market for chips.

The other spring potato group, which includes all spring potatoes grown outside the Hastings area, totaled 7,300 acres planted and 7,000 acres har-

vested, a decrease of 3,000 acres harvested from a year earlier. The crop yielded 270 cwt per acre with production at 1.9 million cwt.

SOYBEANS: The 20,000 acres planted to soybeans were 15,000 acres less than the previous year. Acreage harvested for beans totaled 19,000 acres, 11,000 acres less than 1998. The yield of 32 bushels per acre was 9 bushels less than the previous year. The season average price of \$4.65 per bushel was down 55 cents from a year earlier. Value of production totaled \$2.8 million, down 21 percent from 1998.

SUGARCANE: The area of sugarcane harvested for sugar and seed totaled 460,000 acres, 13,000 acres more than the previous season. Of this total, 443,000 acres were cut for sugar and the remaining 17,000 acres were used for seed. The average yield was 35.0 tons per acre, 5.1 tons less than the 1998 season. The value of production for the 1999 crop will be published in February 2001. The value of the 1998 crop for sugar and seed combined was placed at \$528.8 million, up 13 percent from 1997.

TOBACCO: Acreage harvested in 1999 totaled 5,800 acres, a decrease of 1,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield was 2,640 pounds per acre, up 125 pounds from a year earlier. Total production at 15.3 million pounds was down 10 percent from 1998. The average price for all grades sold was \$1.73 per pound, up 3.3 cents from previous year. The crop was valued at \$26.5 million, down 9 percent from a year earlier. The first market opened on July 27 and the last closed on October 19. Sales were suspended six days (September 15-21) due to floods in North Carolina from Hurricane Floyd.

WHEAT: Acreage planted to winter wheat totaled 16,000 acres, up 7 percent from 1998. Of the total acres planted, 9,000 acres were planted for grain, down 4,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield of 40 bushels per acre was down 3 bushels from a year earlier. Total production was 360,000 bushels, down 36 percent from the 1998 crop. The average price of \$2.45 per bushel was down 5 cents from the previous year. The value of production was \$882,000, down 37 percent last year.

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1989 through 1999 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	1,000 acres				Dollars	1,000 dollars
CORN ^{2/}			Bushels	1,000 bushels		
1989	115	80	74	5,920	2.30	13,616
1990	105	75	71	5,325	2.70	14,378
1991	110	75	68	5,100	2.60	13,260
1992	150	110	75	8,250	2.30	18,975
1993	140	100	65	6,500	2.55	16,575
1994	120	80	85	6,800	2.40	16,320
1995	100	60	90	5,400	3.20	17,280
1996	140	112	88	9,856	3.80	37,453
1997	120	75	80	6,000	2.90	17,400
1998	160	55	62	3,410	2.30	7,843
1999	90	40	93	3,720	2.30	8,556
COTTON ^{3/}			Pounds	1,000 bales		
1989	25.5	25.0	557	29.0	.650	9,048
1990	37.0	36.0	640	48.0	.680	15,667
1991	50.0	49.0	719	73.4	.554	19,519
1992	50.0	49.5	701	72.3	.561	19,469
1993	54.0	53.5	696	77.6	.555	20,673
1994	69.0	68.0	735	104.1	.722	36,077
1995	110.0	109.0	472	107.2	.800	41,165
1996	99.0	98.2	637	130.4	.686	42,938
1997	100.0	99.0	577	119.1	.654	37,388
1998	89.0	80.0	489	81.5	.542	21,203
1999	107.0	106.0	516	114.0	.425	26,520
COTTONSEED				1,000 tons		
1989	--	--	--	10.4	90.00	936
1990	--	--	--	17.0	100.00	1,700
1991	--	--	--	28.0	53.50	1,498
1992	--	--	--	25.0	91.00	2,275
1993	--	--	--	27.0	101.00	2,727
1994	--	--	--	33.0	80.00	2,640
1995	--	--	--	38.0	^{4/}	^{4/}
1996	--	--	--	46.0	109.00	5,014
1997	--	--	--	45.0	120.00	5,400
1998	--	--	--	26.0	110.00	2,860
1999	--	--	--	36.0	85.50	3,848

^{1/} All 1998 estimates are preliminary. ^{2/} Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. ^{3/} Production in 480 pound net weight bales. ^{4/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1989 through 1999 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	1,000 acres				Dollars	1,000 dollars
HAY, ALL			Tons	1,000 tons		
1989	--	260	2.30	598	76.00	45,448
1990	--	240	2.30	552	78.00	43,056
1991	--	230	2.90	667	86.00	57,362
1992	--	270	2.80	756	82.00	61,992
1993	--	250	2.60	650	85.00	55,250
1994	--	240	3.10	744	95.00	70,680
1995	--	230	2.50	575	83.00	47,725
1996	--	240	2.60	624	84.00	52,416
1997	--	250	2.60	650	86.00	55,900
1998	--	230	2.50	575	114.00	65,550
1999	--	260	2.90	754	88.50	66,729
PEANUTS ^{2/}			Pounds	1,000 pounds		
1989	95	87	2,470	214,890	.260	55,871
1990	108	100	2,340	234,000	.300	70,200
1991	126	118	2,370	279,660	.263	73,551
1992	85	77	2,630	202,510	.286	57,918
1993	98	84	2,320	194,880	.296	57,684
1994	92	84	2,470	207,480	.281	58,302
1995	89	81	2,390	193,590	.271	52,463
1996	90	82	2,880	236,160	.281	66,361
1997	92	84	2,715	228,060	.280	63,857
1998	98	90	2,590	233,100	.298	69,464
1999	102	94	2,770	260,380	.232	60,408
POTATOES	Acres		Cwt	1,000 cwt		
1989	43,600	42,600	195	8,304	15.50	129,043
1990	45,500	44,700	219	9,792	14.40	140,734
1991	43,700	43,000	188	8,082	20.40	164,885
1992	41,200	40,100	234	9,370	9.90	92,890
1993	44,700	41,900	181	7,580	17.00	128,945
1994	47,600	46,400	215	9,992	11.90	119,329
1995	46,800	42,900	210	9,003	9.40	84,490
1996	46,800	44,300	217	9,613	13.20	126,861
1997	43,500	42,100	214	9,030	12.20	110,359
1998	44,300	42,500	207	8,798	14.70	129,051
1999	38,400	37,300	286	10,680	11.90	126,929

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FIELD CROPS: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1989 through 1999 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	Acres				Dollars	1,000 dollars
SOYBEANS ^{2/}	1,000 acres		Bushels	1,000 bushels		
1989	130	120	22	2,640	5.45	14,388
1990	80	75	19	1,425	5.65	8,051
1991	45	43	27	1,161	5.40	6,269
1992	55	50	30	1,500	5.20	7,800
1993	55	50	25	1,250	6.35	7,938
1994	45	42	31	1,302	5.40	7,031
1995	30	28	26	728	6.50	4,732
1996	35	33	32	1,056	7.00	7,392
1997	47	45	25	1,125	7.00	7,875
1998	35	30	23	690	5.20	3,588
1999	20	19	32	608	4.65	2,827
SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED			Tons	1,000 tons		
1989	--	420	31.4	13,188	30.70	404,872
1990	--	434	35.5	15,407	31.50	485,321
1991	--	443	34.9	15,461	31.00	479,291
1992	--	443	33.2	14,707	29.80	438,269
1993	--	444	34.1	15,152	30.40	460,621
1994	--	444	33.6	14,937	30.60	457,072
1995	--	437	34.6	15,122	30.60	462,733
1996	--	438	33.1	14,498	29.40	426,241
1997	--	440	36.9	16,236	28.70	465,973
1998	--	447	40.1	17,925	29.50	528,788
1999	--	460	35.0	16,100	3/	3/
SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR			Tons	1,000 tons		
1988	--	404	31.6	12,766	32.60	416,172
1989	--	405	31.4	12,717	30.70	390,412
1990	--	419	35.5	14,874	31.50	468,531
1991	--	428	34.9	14,937	31.00	463,047
1992	--	426	33.2	14,143	29.80	421,461
1993	--	425	34.1	14,512	30.40	441,165
1994	--	423	33.6	14,216	30.60	435,010
1995	--	417	34.6	14,445	30.60	442,017
1996	--	417	33.1	13,803	29.40	405,808
1997	--	421	36.9	15,535	28.70	465,973
1998	--	426	40.1	17,083	29.50	503,949
1999	--	443	35.0	15,505	3/	3/

^{1/} All 1999 estimates are preliminary. ^{2/} Planted for all purposes; harvested for beans. ^{3/} Estimates of season average price and value of production for the 1999 crop will be available February 2001.

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, yield, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1989 through 1999 ^{1/}

Crop and year	Area		Yield	Production	Season average price	Value of production
	Planted	Harvested				
	1,000 acres				Dollars	1,000 dollars

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Pounds

1,000 pounds

1989	--	6.70	2,650	17,755	1.676	29,757
1990	--	6.90	2,760	19,044	1.730	32,946
1991	--	6.60	2,320	15,312	1.660	25,418
1992	--	7.50	2,610	19,575	1.628	31,868
1993	--	7.10	2,630	18,673	1.638	30,586
1994	--	6.50	2,550	16,575	1.650	27,349
1995	--	7.20	2,455	17,676	1.761	31,127
1996	--	7.50	2,680	20,100	1.808	36,341
1997	--	7.30	2,610	19,053	1.721	32,790
1998	--	6.80	2,515	17,102	1.697	29,022
1999	--	5.80	2,640	15,312	1.729	26,454

WHEAT

Bushels

1,000 bushels

1989	80	65	29	1,885	3.50	6,598
1990	65	55	33	1,815	2.80	5,082
1991	50	25	23	575	2.15	1,236
1992	45	20	42	840	3.30	2,772
1993	40	25	33	825	2.70	2,228
1994	25	15	42	630	2.80	1,764
1995	20	12	32	384	3.15	1,210
1996	13	10	38	380	4.40	1,672
1997	20	17	39	663	3.40	2,254
1998	15	13	43	559	2.50	1,398
1999	16	9	40	360	2.45	882

^{1/} All 1999 estimates are preliminary.

PECANS: Production, price and value, Florida,
crop years 1989 through 1999

Year	Utilized production			Season average price		
	Varieties		Total	Varieties		Total
	Improved	Native and seedling		Improved	Native and seedling	
	1,000 pounds			Cents		
1989	4,000	3,000	7,000	59.0	43.0	52.1
1990	2,000	1,600	3,600	110.0	80.0	96.7
1991	2,000	1,500	3,500	101.0	87.0	95.0
1992	1,700	800	2,500	170.0	110.0	151.0
1993	3,200	4,300	7,500	49.0	44.0	46.1
1994	400	1,500	1,900	100.0	80.0	84.2
1995	600	500	1,100	95.0	75.0	85.9
1996	500	1,400	1,900	65.0	55.0	57.6
1997	600	1,200	1,800	100.0	60.0	73.3
1998	200	1,100	1,300	110.0	75.0	80.4
1999	1,100	2,600	3,700	90.0	65.0	72.4

Year	Value of utilized production		
	Varieties		Total
	Improved	Native and seedling	
1,000 dollars			
1989	2,360	1,290	3,650
1990	2,200	1,280	3,480
1991	2,020	1,305	3,325
1992	2,890	880	3,770
1993	1,568	1,892	3,460
1994	400	1,200	1,600
1995	570	375	945
1996	325	770	1,095
1997	600	720	1,320
1998	220	825	1,045
1999	990	1,690	2,680

CORN: Acreage, yield and production, by county, 1998

District and county	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels	
District 10				
Calhoun	2,600	900	55.6	50,000
Escambia	9,600	2,900	67.9	197,000
Gadsden	2,100	800	63.8	51,000
Holmes	3,400	1,100	53.6	59,000
Jackson	25,000	11,900	73.6	876,000
Jefferson	6,600	2,200	52.3	115,000
Leon	1,600	700	52.9	37,000
Okaloosa	1,400	600	55.0	33,000
Santa Rosa	1,600	600	51.7	31,000
Walton	2,600	700	54.3	38,000
Washington	5,900	1,900	60.0	114,000
Other	100	100	60.0	6,000
Total	62,500	24,400	65.9	1,607,000
District 30				
Columbia	6,600	1,900	55.3	105,000
Hamilton	8,900	4,800	68.1	327,000
Lafayette	2,600	400	62.5	25,000
Madison	13,000	4,900	58.0	284,000
Suwannee	15,600	4,300	62.1	267,000
Other	2,400	1,000	61.0	61,000
Total	49,100	17,300	61.8	1,069,000
District 50				
Alachua	10,400	3,000	50.7	152,000
Gilchrist	12,900	2,800	50.7	142,000
Levy	10,400	600	50.0	30,000
Marion	1,500	700	64.3	45,000
St. Johns	2,000	800	48.8	39,000
Union	1,700	1,000	50.0	50,000
Other	3,100	1,900	55.3	105,000
Total	42,000	10,800	52.1	563,000
District 80				
Manatee	1,700	700	90.0	63,000
Other	4,700	1,800	60.0	108,000
Total	6,400	2,500	68.4	171,000
State Total	160,000	55,000	62.0	3,410,000

CORN: Acreage, yield and production, by county, 1999

District and county	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels	
District 10				
Calhoun	1,500	700	78.6	55,000
Escambia	5,400	2,000	105.0	210,000
Gadsden	1,200	600	93.3	56,000
Holmes	1,900	800	80.0	64,000
Jackson	14,000	8,500	113.3	963,000
Jefferson	3,700	1,600	78.1	125,000
Leon	900	800	57.5	46,000
Okaloosa	800	400	85.0	34,000
Santa Rosa	900	400	80.0	32,000
Walton	1,500	500	82.0	41,000
Washington	3,300	1,400	88.6	124,000
Total	35,100	17,700	98.9	1,750,000
District 30				
Columbia	3,700	1,400	80.7	113,000
Hamilton	5,000	3,500	102.0	357,000
Lafayette	1,500	300	83.3	25,000
Madison	7,300	3,600	86.1	310,000
Suwannee	8,800	3,100	93.9	291,000
Total	26,300	11,900	92.1	1,096,000
District 50				
Alachua	5,800	2,200	75.5	166,000
Gilchrist	7,300	2,100	73.8	155,000
Levy	5,800	400	82.5	33,000
Union	1,000	700	78.6	55,000
Total	19,900	5,400	75.7	409,000
Other, State	8,700	5,000	93.0	465,000
State Total	90,000	40,000	93.0	3,720,000

PEANUTS: Acreage, yield and production, by district and county, 1998

District and county	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for dry peanuts		
		Area	Yield	Production
		Acres	Pounds	
DISTRICT 10				
Calhoun	4,300	3,900	2,945	11,481,000
Gadsden	800	700	1,715	1,200,000
Holmes	4,900	4,500	2,000	8,999,000
Jackson	32,300	30,100	2,615	78,701,000
Jefferson	900	800	3,025	2,420,000
Okaloosa	1,800	1,600	2,485	3,974,000
Santa Rosa	14,500	13,500	2,955	39,902,000
Walton	4,100	3,800	2,175	8,257,000
Washington	1,700	1,600	2,885	4,617,000
Other	1,500	1,400	2,955	4,135,000
Total	66,800	61,900	2,645	163,686,000
DISTRICT 30				
Columbia	4,200	3,900	1,205	4,703,000
Madison	800	700	3,405	2,383,000
Suwannee	5,700	5,300	2,725	14,440,000
Other	600	600	3,245	1,948,000
Total	11,300	10,500	2,235	23,474,000
DISTRICT 50				
Alachua	2,800	2,600	2,525	6,569,000
Gilchrist	1,000	900	2,180	1,964,000
Levy	10,100	9,400	2,910	27,342,000
Marion	5,000	4,600	2,135	9,813,000
Other	1,000	100	2,520	252,000
Total	19,900	17,600	2,610	45,940,000
STATE TOTAL	98,000	90,000	2,590	233,100,000

PEANUTS: Acreage, yield and production, by county, 1999

District and county	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for dry peanuts		
		Area	Yield	Production
		Acres	Pounds	
DISTRICT 10				
Calhoun	4,200	3,900	2,470	9,635,000
Escambia	1,200	1,100	2,705	2,974,000
Gadsden	700	600	2,060	1,237,000
Holmes	5,000	4,600	2,000	9,208,000
Jackson	31,800	29,600	2,740	81,098,000
Jefferson	800	700	2,790	1,952,000
Okaloosa	4,100	3,900	2,825	11,008,000
Santa Rosa	14,500	13,500	3,255	43,911,000
Walton	5,900	5,500	2,220	12,205,000
Washington	1,600	1,500	3,150	4,727,000
Other	500	500	2,510	1,254,000
Total	70,300	65,400	2,740	179,209,000
DISTRICT 30				
Columbia	4,300	4,000	1,840	7,355,000
Madison	700	700	2,545	1,783,000
Suwannee	4,900	4,600	2,670	12,292,000
Other	700	500	3,690	1,844,000
Total	10,600	9,800	2,375	23,274,000
DISTRICT 50				
Alachua	2,300	2,100	2,700	5,666,000
Gilchrist	1,200	1,200	2,280	2,733,000
Levy	10,500	9,800	3,480	34,088,000
Marion	6,000	5,600	2,720	15,244,000
Other	1,100	100	1,660	166,000
Total	21,100	18,800	3,080	54,897,000
STATE TOTAL	102,000	94,000	2,770	260,380,000

POTATOES: Acreage, production, and value, Florida, crop years 1994 through 1999

Crop year	Area		Yield per acre	Production	Value per cwt	Total value
	Planted	Harvested				

Acres

Cwt

1,000 cwt

Dollars

1,000 dol-

WINTER:

1994	8,400	7,800	180	1,404	39.10	54,896
1995	8,300	6,900	170	1,173	23.30	27,331
1996	8,800	8,800	210	1,848	24.60	45,461
1997	9,600	9,400	200	1,880	16.90	31,772
1998	8,500	8,000	180	1,440	30.50	43,920
1999	9,600	9,300	200	1,860	24.70	45,942

SPRING (HASTINGS):

1994	29,500	29,000	220	6,380	6.50	41,470
1995	28,500	27,000	220	5,940	5.90	35,046
1996	28,500	27,500	230	6,325	9.50	60,088
1997	24,900	23,900	220	5,258	10.70	56,261
1998	25,500	24,500	235	5,758	10.70	61,611
1999	21,500	21,000	330	6,930	7.95	55,094

SPRING (OTHER):

1994	9,700	9,600	230	2,208	10.40	22,963
1995	10,000	9,000	210	1,890	11.70	22,113
1996	9,500	8,000	180	1,440	14.80	21,312
1997	9,000	8,800	215	1,892	11.80	22,326
1998	10,300	10,000	160	1,600	14.70	23,520
1999	7,300	7,000	270	1,890	13.70	25,893

POTATOES: Acreage harvested by selected counties, Florida, crop years 1994 through 1999

Counties	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Acres						
Dade	4,300	3,100	4,600	5,600	5,000	3,900
Flagler	2,600	2,000	2,500	2,800	2,600	1,500
Putnam	5,400	5,000	4,000	3,700	3,700	3,100
St. Johns	21,000	20,000	21,000	17,400	18,200	16,400
Other	13,100	12,800	12,200	12,600	13,000	12,400
WINTER TOTAL	7,800	6,900	8,800	9,400	8,000	9,300
SPRING TOTAL	38,600	36,000	35,500	32,700	34,500	28,000
STATE TOTAL	46,400	42,900	44,300	42,100	42,500	37,300

POTATOES: Production sold, monthly, Florida, crop years 1994 through 1999

Crop year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun ^{1/}	Total
1,000 cwt							
1994	14	251	1,238	2,335	4,403	1,698	9,939
1995	--	105	408	1,807	4,868	1,769	8,957
1996	19	182	564	1,368	4,964	2,467	9,564
1997	--	503	809	2,506	4,455	710	8,983
1998	43	415	673	1,413	4,674	1,534	8,752
1999	18	425	1,246	2,069	5,024	1,843	10,625
Percent							
1994	.1	2.5	12.5	23.5	44.3	17.1	100.0
1995	--	1.2	4.6	20.2	54.3	19.7	100.0
1996	.2	1.9	5.9	14.3	51.9	25.8	100.0
1997	--	5.6	9.0	27.9	49.6	7.9	100.0
1998	.5	4.7	7.7	16.2	53.4	17.5	100.0
1999	.2	4.0	11.7	19.5	47.3	17.3	100.0

^{1/} Includes small quantities sold in July.

POTATOES: Average value per cwt for all sales, monthly, Florida, crop years 1994 through 1999

Crop year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun ^{1/}	Average
Dollars							
1994	43.60	42.20	35.80	9.30	6.05	8.80	11.90
1995	--	27.70	27.30	14.40	6.70	6.40	9.40
1996	29.70	26.80	23.90	18.65	9.70	9.60	13.20
1997	--	24.00	14.90	11.30	11.00	11.50	12.20
1998	33.00	31.50	30.00	16.60	10.75	13.20	14.70
1999	32.70	25.80	22.85	14.35	8.10	8.55	11.88

^{1/} Includes small quantities sold in July.

SOYBEAN: Acreage, yield and production, by county, 1998

District and county	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels	
DISTRICT 10				
Calhoun	4,400	3,800	25.8	98,000
Escambia	4,900	4,200	21.7	91,000
Gadsden	900	800	22.5	18,000
Holmes	1,600	1,400	16.4	23,000
Jackson	9,700	8,300	24.7	205,000
Jefferson	1,700	1,400	15.0	21,000
Okaloosa	600	500	24.0	12,000
Santa Rosa	1,700	1,500	16.0	24,000
Walton	1,400	1,200	21.7	26,000
Washington	1,900	1,600	25.6	41,000
Other	100	100	20.0	2,000
Total	28,900	24,800	22.6	561,000
Other, State	6,100	5,200	24.8	129,000
STATE TOTAL	35,000	30,000	23.0	690,000

SOYBEANS: Acreage, yield and production, by county, **1999**

District and county	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels	
District 10				
Calhoun	2,500	2,400	39.2	94,000
Escambia	2,800	2,650	30.2	80,000
Gadsden	500	500	26.0	13,000
Holmes	900	900	28.9	26,000
Jackson	5,500	5,250	29.1	153,000
Jefferson	1,000	900	26.7	24,000
Okaloosa	300	300	36.7	11,000
Santa Rosa	1,000	950	31.6	30,000
Walton	800	750	30.7	23,000
Washington	1,100	1,000	38.0	38,000
Other	100	100	30.0	3,000
 Total	 16,500	 15,700	 31.5	 495,000
 Other, State	 3,500	 3,300	 34.2	 113,000
 State Total	 20,000	 19,000	 32.0	 608,000

TOBACCO, FLUE-CURED, TYPE 14: Acreage, yield, and production,
by district and county, Florida, **1998**

District and county	Area harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres		Pounds
DISTRICT 10			
Gadsden	100	1,890	189,000
Jefferson	300	2,360	708,000
Other	100	2,120	212,000
Total	500	2,220	1,109,000
DISTRICT 30			
Baker	130	2,280	296,400
Columbia	630	2,860	1,801,800
Hamilton	990	2,290	2,267,100
Lafayette	530	3,200	1,696,000
Madison	690	2,290	1,580,100
Suwannee	1,590	2,530	4,023,000
Other	140	2,290	320,600
Total	4,700	2,550	11,985,000
DISTRICT 50			
Alachua	950	2,570	2,441,500
Bradford	100	1,975	197,500
Gilchrist	150	2,060	309,000
Union	200	2,560	512,000
Other	200	2,740	548,000
Total	1,600	2,505	4,008,000
STATE TOTAL	6,800	2,515	17,102,000

TOBACCO, FLUE-CURED, TYPE 14: Acreage, yield, and production,
by district and county, Florida, **1999**

District and county	Area harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres		Pounds
DISTRICT 10			
Gadsden	100	1,535	153,500
Jefferson	130	1,820	236,800
Other	70	2,595	181,700
Total	300	1,905	572,000
DISTRICT 30			
Baker	100	1,920	191,900
Columbia	580	2,875	1,667,400
Hamilton	880	2,675	2,354,100
Lafayette	500	3,145	1,573,000
Madison	620	2,575	1,598,100
Suwannee	1,410	2,765	3,899,000
Other	140	2,370	331,600
Total	4,230	2,745	11,615,000
DISTRICT 50			
Alachua	800	2,450	1,958,400
Gilchrist	140	2,420	338,700
Union	170	2,575	437,500
Other	160	2,440	390,400
Total	1,270	2,460	3,125,000
STATE TOTAL	5,800	2,640	15,312,000

COTTON: Acreage, yield, and production, by
district and county, Florida 1998-99

District and county	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Acres				Pounds		Bales	
DISTRICT 10								
Calhoun	6,500	7,600	5,800	7,500	480	512	5,800	8,000
Escambia	15,300	15,400	13,700	15,200	441	556	12,600	17,600
Holmes	3,100	4,200	2,800	4,100	480	468	2,800	4,000
Jackson	16,800	26,300	15,100	26,100	556	491	17,500	26,700
Jefferson	2,400	1,600	2,200	1,600	415	510	1,900	1,700
Okaloosa	3,200	5,500	2,900	5,400	447	489	2,700	5,500
Santa Rosa	27,700	26,100	24,900	26,000	503	554	26,100	30,000
Walton	4,600	15,900	4,100	15,700	468	489	4,000	16,000
Washington	700	1,600	700	1,600	480	450	700	1,500
Total	80,300	104,200	72,200	103,200	493	516	74,100	111,000
DISTRICT 30								
Columbia	300	^{1/}	300	^{1/}	480	^{1/}	300	^{1/}
Hamilton	2,100	^{1/}	1,900	^{1/}	480	^{1/}	1,900	^{1/}
Madison	2,100	600	1,800	600	427	560	1,600	700
Total	4,500	600	4,000	600	456	560	3,800	700
ALL DISTRICTS								
Other	4,200	2,200	3,800	2,200	455	502	3,600	2,300
STATE TOTAL	89,000	107,000	80,000	106,000	489	516	81,500	114,000

^{1/} Included in other to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR: Acreage, yield, and production,
by county, Florida, 1998-99

County	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Acres		Tons		Tons	
Glades	15,000	16,000	36.1	31.0	542,000	496,000
Hendry	55,000	57,000	40.1	35.3	2,208,000	2,012,100
Martin & Palm Beach	356,000	370,000	40.3	35.1	14,333,000	12,996,900
STATE TOTAL	426,000	443,000	40.1	35.0	17,083,000	15,505,000

WHEAT: Acreage, yield, and production, by district, 1999

District and county totals	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels	
District 10	14,200	8,000	41.0	328,000
District 30	1,200	600	33.3	20,000
District 50	600	400	30.0	12,000
State Total	16,000	9,000	40.0	360,000

FLORIDA: Usual planting and harvesting dates,
by crops and principal producing areas

Crop	Usual planting dates	Usual harvesting dates			Principal producing areas, Agricultural Statistics Districts or counties
		Begin	Most active	End	
Corn:					
Grain	Mar 1-Apr 25	Jul 15	Aug 1-Sep 10	Oct 1	10, 30, 50
Silage	Mar 1-Apr 25	Jun 10	Jul 1-Aug 5	Aug 10	10, 30, 50
Forage	Mar 1-Apr 25	Aug 15	Sep 1-Oct 25	Nov 25	10, 30, 50
Cotton	Apr 1-May 15	Sep 15	Oct 1-Nov 1	Dec 1	10, 30
Peanuts for nuts	Apr 1-May 15	Aug 15	Sep 15-Oct 15	Nov 15	10, 30, 50
Potatoes	Sep 15-Mar 1	Jan 15	Feb 1-Jun 15	Jul 1	30, 50, 80
Soybeans	May 1-Jul 1	Oct 1	Oct 15-Nov 15	Nov 25	10, 30
Sugarcane for sugar	Aug 15-Feb 15	Nov 1	Nov 15-Mar 1	Apr 1	Glades, Hendry Palm Beach Martin
Tobacco: Type 14	Mar 1-Apr 15	Jun 1	Jul 1-Aug 1	Aug 25	10, 30, 50
Wheat, Winter for grain	Nov 15-Dec 15	May 1	May 15-May 31	Jun 15	10, 30
Hay	---	May 10	---	Nov 20	Statewide

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